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SUBJECT: SADAT TRIP CONTINUES TO DOMINATE MEDIA

1. PRESS OCT. 26 HIGHLIGHTS WITH PICTURES SADAT ARRIVAL IN FRANCE. ONE DAY PARIS VISIT, WHICH INCLUDES LUNCHEON MEETING WITH PRESIDENT D'ESTANG, IS MAJOR STORY AND FRANCO-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS ARE SUBJECT OF LAUDATORY EDITORIALS IN ALL THREE DAILIES. AHRAM AND GOMHOURIA STRESS FRENCH WILLINGNESS TO SUPPLY ARMS TO ARAB COUNTRIES AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR EGYPT'S ARMS DIVERSIFICATION POLICY.

2. VISIT TO US RECEIVES EQUAL SPACE WITH ALL PAPERS REPORTING PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING OCTOBER 25 WITH SECRETARY, U/S SISCO AND AMBASSADOR EILTS "TO DISCUSS TOPICS THAT WOULD BE RAISED DURING SADAT VISIT." ARTICLE ALSO GIVES DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WILLIAMSBURG PROGRAM AND OFFICIAL WELCOMING CEREMONY AT WHITE HOUSE TOMORROW, AND POINTS OUT THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS PLACING HIS PRIVATE PLANE AT SADAT'S DISPOSAL THROUGHOUT VISIT. TWO PRESIDENTS
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EXPECTED TO HOLD JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE IN FLORIDA AT

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END OF THEIR TALKS. ARTICLES LIST FOLLOWING MAJOR ITEMS THAT SADAT WILL WISH TO DISCUSS: (A) FORTHCOMING STEPS IN MIDDLE EAST TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM AND SOLVE PROBLEM OF PALESTINE PEOPLE; (B) SERIOUSNESS OF U.S. SUPPLYING ISRAEL WITH ADVANCED WEAPONS, PARTICULARLY LONG RANGE PERSHING MISSILES, AND IMPACT SUCH A MOVE WOULD HAVE ON EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE; AND (C) EGYPT'S READINESS TO DECLARE MIDDLE EAST A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IF ISRAEL SIGNS NPT, WHICH EGYPT HAS ALREADY INITIALED.

3. ALL PAPERS REPORT THAT DURING VISIT FORMIN FAHMY AND SECRETARY WILL SIGN THREE AGREEMENTS; HEALTH, SURPLUS AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, AND KING TUT MONUMENTS EXHIBITION. MINISTER OF ECONOMY DR. ZAKI SHAFEI AND SECRETARY SIMON EXPECTED TO SIGN TAXATION TREATY.

4. LEFTIST ROSE AL YOUSSEF CARRIES LONG COMMENTARY ON VISIT TO U.S. IN WHICH IT CLAIMS SADAT'S THREE MAIN PURPOSES ARE TO CONSOLIDATE TREND IN U.S. -EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WITH AMERICAN PUBLIC; DISCUSS FINAL SETTLEMENT; AND EXPAND BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS TO "STABILIZE TREND TOWARD MORE BLANCED U.S. POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST" SO THAT IT RESTS ON FIXED AMERICAN INTERESTS RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALS. CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ARE ESSENTIAL. EGYPTIANS NOTED THAT BEGIN QUOTE ALL THE CONGRESSIONAL DELS WHICH VISITED CARIO CHANGED THEIR ATTITUDE IN VARYING DEGREES. HENCE, MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS MIGHT BE MOST IMPORTANT IN GUARANTEEING THAT U.S. CONTINUE BALANCED POLICY; IT MIGHT EVEN DEVELOP THIS ATTITUDE IN FAVOR OF THE ARABS REGARDLESS OF RESULT OF FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. AMERICAN COLUMNIST WELL SUMMED UP PURPOSE OF SADAT VISIT AS A POLITICAL INVASION BY MEANS OF WELL EQUIPPED MEDIA ARMY. END QUOTE...

5. ROSE AL YOUSSEF RATES AS SECOND IN IMPORTANCE OPPORTUNITY VISIT WILL AFFORD FOR TWO SIDES TO DISCUSS CONCEPT OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. IT CLAIMS AMERICAN SOURCES ARE TOYING WITH FOLLOWING IDEAS WHICH MAY INDICATE EXTENT TO WHICH U.S. THINKING HAS REACHED: COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI AND LIQUIDATION OF JEWISH SETTLEMENTS THERE, SHARM AL SHEIKH TO BE SOLVED IN WAY THAT WOULD NOT PREJUDICE
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EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY; WITHDRAWAL FROM GOLAN WITH BORDER ALTERATIONS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL; SETTING UF OF ARAB PALESTINIAN STATE, PREVENTED FOR U.S. BY PLO'S REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO SURVIVAL. ROSE AL YOUSSEF RECOGNIZES THAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN CONCEPTS IS BIG, BUT SAYS ONE CANNOT TELL IN ADVANCE WHETHER THIS DIFFERENCE WILL NARROW OR WIDEN FURTHER DURING SADAT VISIT.

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6. THIRD MAJOR ITEM ON ROSE AL YOUSSEF AGENDA IS
BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. PAPERS SAYS EGYPTIAN SOURCES
RIDICULE RUMORS OF 5 BILLION DOLLARS OF U.S. SAID AND SAY THAT
EGYPT IS SEEKING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT,
GUARANTEED BY US AND FINANCED MAINLY BY WEST GERMANY, IRAN
AND SAUDI ARABIA TO PROVIDE 2 BILLION DOLLARS. PAPER SAYS
EGYPTIAN QUARTERS DO NOT HAVE EXAGGERATED OPTIMISM ABOUT
VISIT AND "PLACE AT TOP THE POLITICAL RESULTS, SECONDLY THE
ECONOMIC, AND LASTLY THE MILITARY RESULTS WHICH THEY KNOW WILL BE
LIMITED." ROSE AL YOUSSEF CONCLUDES THAT " OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN
SOURCES ARE NOT SHOWING ANY CONCERN OVER EFFECT OF VISIT
ON EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS, POINTING OUT THAT CORDIAL AND
NATURAL RELATIONS WITH U.S. DO NOT CANCEL EGYPT'S MAINTENANCE
OF HER RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST CAMP, AND SOLICITUDE
FOR CLEARING UP EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS. AN OFFICIAL
SOURCE TOLD ROSE AL YOUSSEF THAT CONCENTRATED EFFORT
WOULD BE NEEDED FOR IMPROVING EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS
AND FOR RALLYING THE ARABS AS WELL, AS SOON AS PRESIDENT
SADAT RETURNS FROM U.S."
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